

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

GEROLD CENTENO,

Plaintiff

Case No. 2:23-cv-02131-JAD-DJA

ORDER

v.

STEVEN GRIERSON, et al.,

Defendants

I. DISCUSSION

On January 11, 2024, the Court ordered Plaintiff to either pay the \$405 filing fee or file a complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by March 15, 2024. The Court granted an extension, and Plaintiff eventually filed a financial certificate and a trust fund account statement for the past six months. (ECF No. 14). But Plaintiff has not filed an actual application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. On May 8, 2024, the Court gave Plaintiff another extension to file a complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 15). Plaintiff has instead filed a motion for clarification. (ECF No. 16).

In his motion for clarification, Plaintiff states that he has filed a financial certificate and a trust fund account statement for the past six months, and he is not sure what else he needs to file. (*Id.*). As the Court has previously explained, a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* requires three separate documents: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**.

Plaintiff has filed a financial certificate and a copy of his trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period. But Plaintiff has not yet filed an **Application**

1 **to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court’s approved
2 form. In light of Plaintiff’s *pro se* status, the Court will grant him one final opportunity to
3 file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by July 5, 2024. Absent
4 unusual circumstances, the Court does not anticipate granting any further extension.

5 **II. CONCLUSION**

6 It is therefore ordered that Plaintiff’s motion for clarification (ECF No. 16) is
7 **DENIED** in light of this order.

8 It is further ordered that the Court grants Plaintiff **until July 5, 2024**, to either pay
9 the full \$405 filing fee or file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with
10 all three required documents: (1) a completed application with the inmate’s two signatures
11 on page 3, (2) a completed financial certificate that is signed both by the inmate and the
12 prison or jail official, and (3) a copy of the inmate’s trust fund account statement for the
13 previous six-month period.

14 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if
15 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff
16 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a
17 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

18 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff Gerold Centeno the approved
19 form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and instructions for the same.

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21 DATED THIS 4th day of June 2024.



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23 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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